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UM NEGOTIATION TEAM PLACES SECOND AT NATIONALS

MISSOULA-

A University of Montana School of Law negotiation team finished second in the nation at a recent American Bar Association competition.

Second-year law student Malin Stearns of **Missoula** and third-year law student Todd Denison of **Kalispell** earned the honor at the ABA's National Negotiation Competition in Seattle Feb. 8-9.

Twenty teams from across the country competed at the event, in which law students practice legal negotiation skills using hypothetical situations. Working with entertainment law, the UM duo negotiated a record company contract and a dispute of that contract.

UM defeated law schools from Marquette and Washington and Lee universities on Saturday, proceeding on Sunday to the finalist round, where they beat South Texas College of Law. Fordham University took first place, with Northwestern University coming in third.

"Advancing to the finalist round was the most gratifying because we felt good about our performance in those first two rounds," Stearns said.

Denison added, "We worked hard to get this far. The finalist round was an honor in itself."

The UM team is coached by Klaus Sitte, adjunct law lecturer and executive director of

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the Montana Legal Services Association.

The team now assumes the role of alternate for the International Negotiation Competition to be held in Calgary, Alberta, in July, meaning they could get a chance to compete if an extra team is needed.

“We’re pretty hopeful,” said Sitte, whose last negotiation team finished third in the nation. “We have a better shot than when we were in third place in 1999.”

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